



TOTALITARIANISM in Interwar Europe



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WWI IS OVER



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EUROPE, 1919 - 1929

The National Boundary
Realignments Resulting From the
First World War

0 100 200 300
SCALE OF MILES



Key

- Independent/ Free/ International cities
- Rijeka/Fiume to Italy, 1922
- Danzig
- Disputed Regions

EUROPE IS NOW
safe...

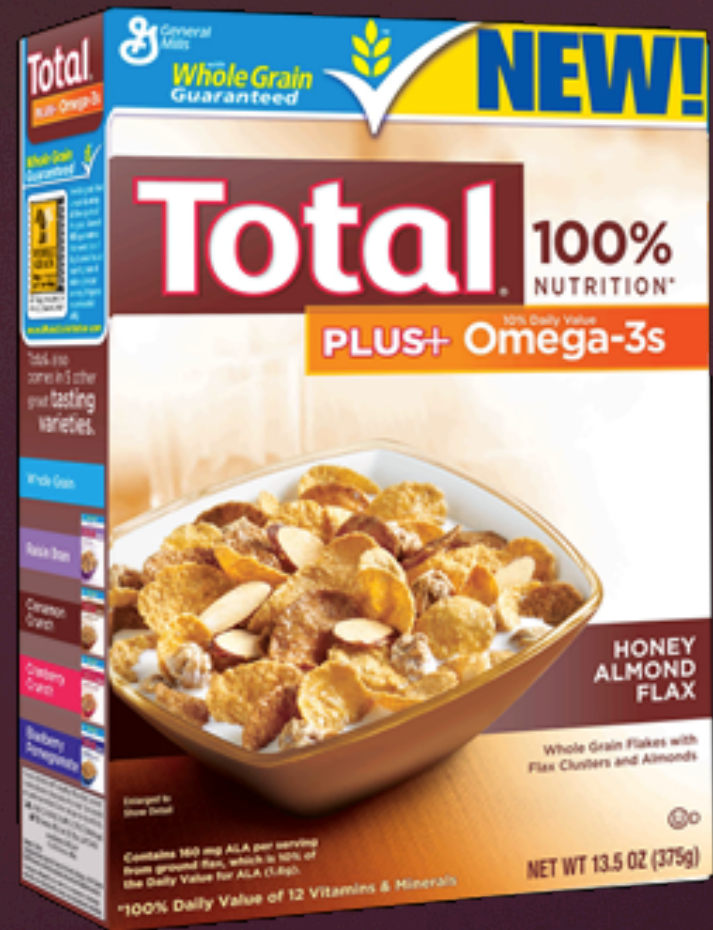




Totalitarianism

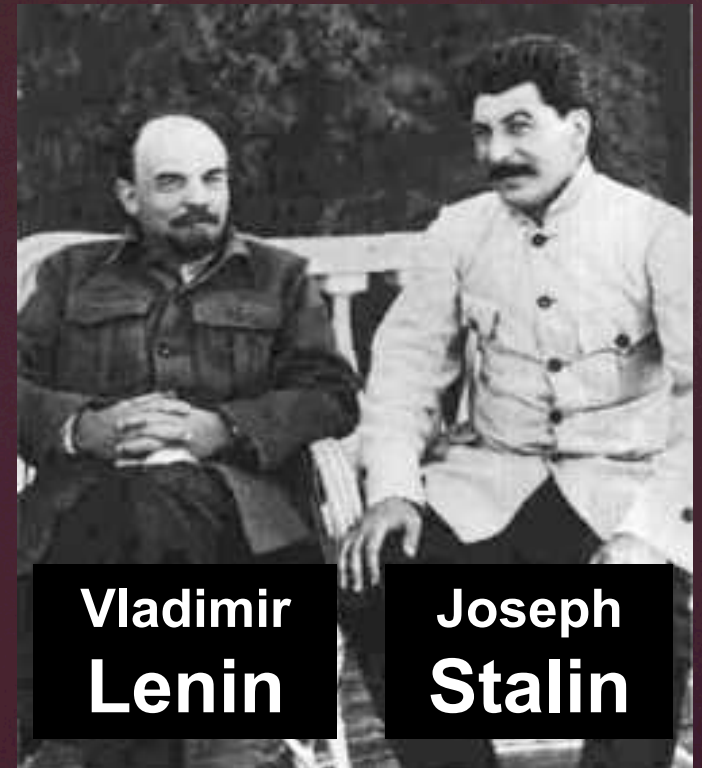
Authoritarian &
dictatorial governments
that control *all* aspects of
public and private life.

State > Individual



Bolshevik Revolution

(Russia/Soviet Union) 1917



Vladimir
Lenin

Joseph
Stalin



STRIKE ONE



Self-Determination OF PEOPLES



Treaty of Trianon

The OTHER Versailles Treaty

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Treaty of Trianon

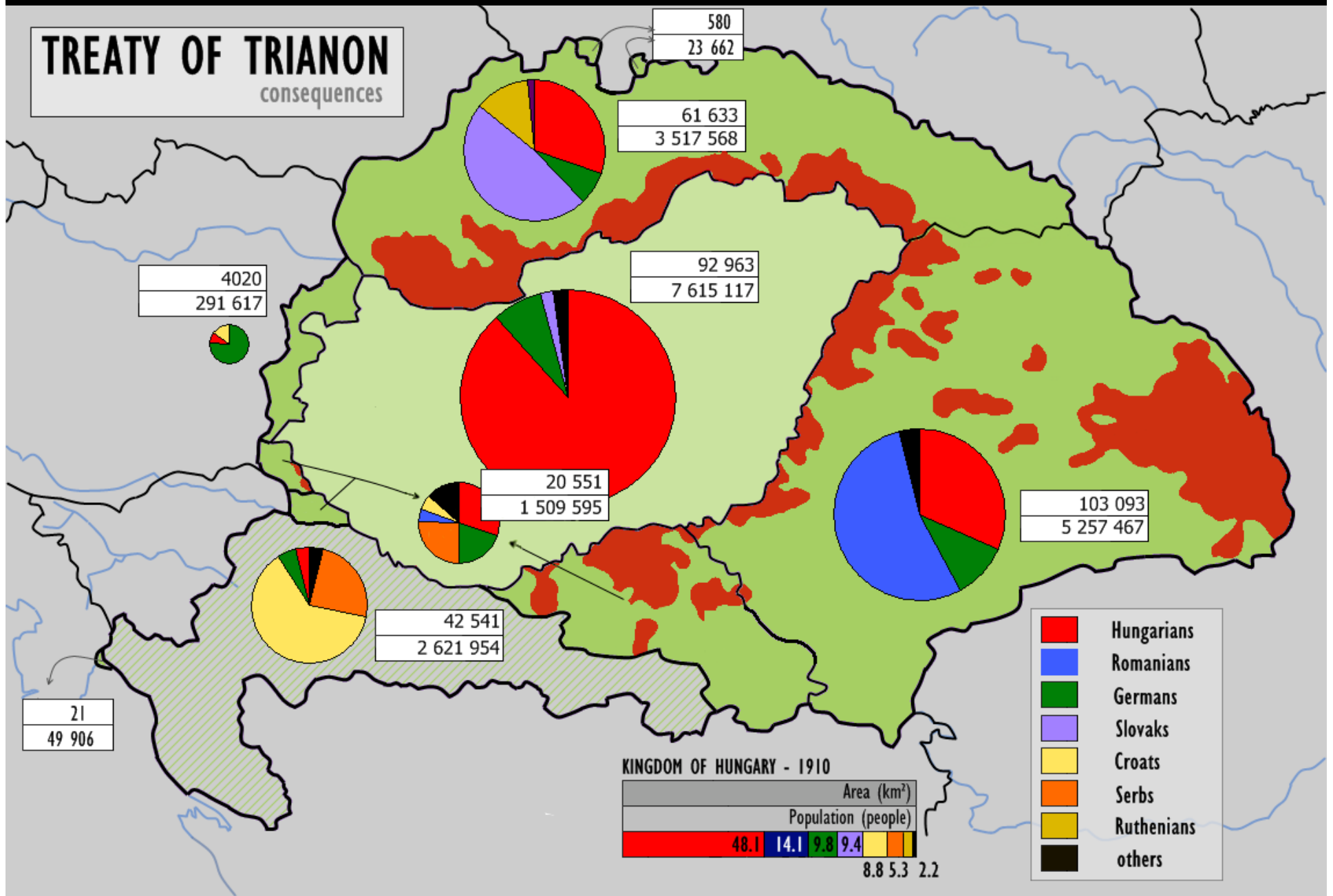
- It established the borders of Hungary and regulated its international situation. Hungary lost over two-thirds of its territory and about two-thirds of its inhabitants under the treaty. The principal beneficiaries of territorial adjustment were Romania, Czechoslovakia, and the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes.
- The treaty was signed on June 4, 1920, at the Grand Trianon Palace in Versailles, France.

Treaty of Trianon

- Officially, the treaty was intended to be a confirmation of the concept of the right for self-determination of nations and of the concept of nation-states replacing old multinational empires. The Western powers' main priority was to prevent a resurgence of Germany and they therefore decided that her allies in the region, Austria and Hungary, should be "contained" by a ring of states friendly to the Allies, each of which would be bigger than either Austria or Hungary.
- Like most of the measures implemented by the victors of World War I to contain Germany, the Treaty backfired because it contributed to Germany's sense of being besieged, and to German determination to throw off such shackles and to strike back.

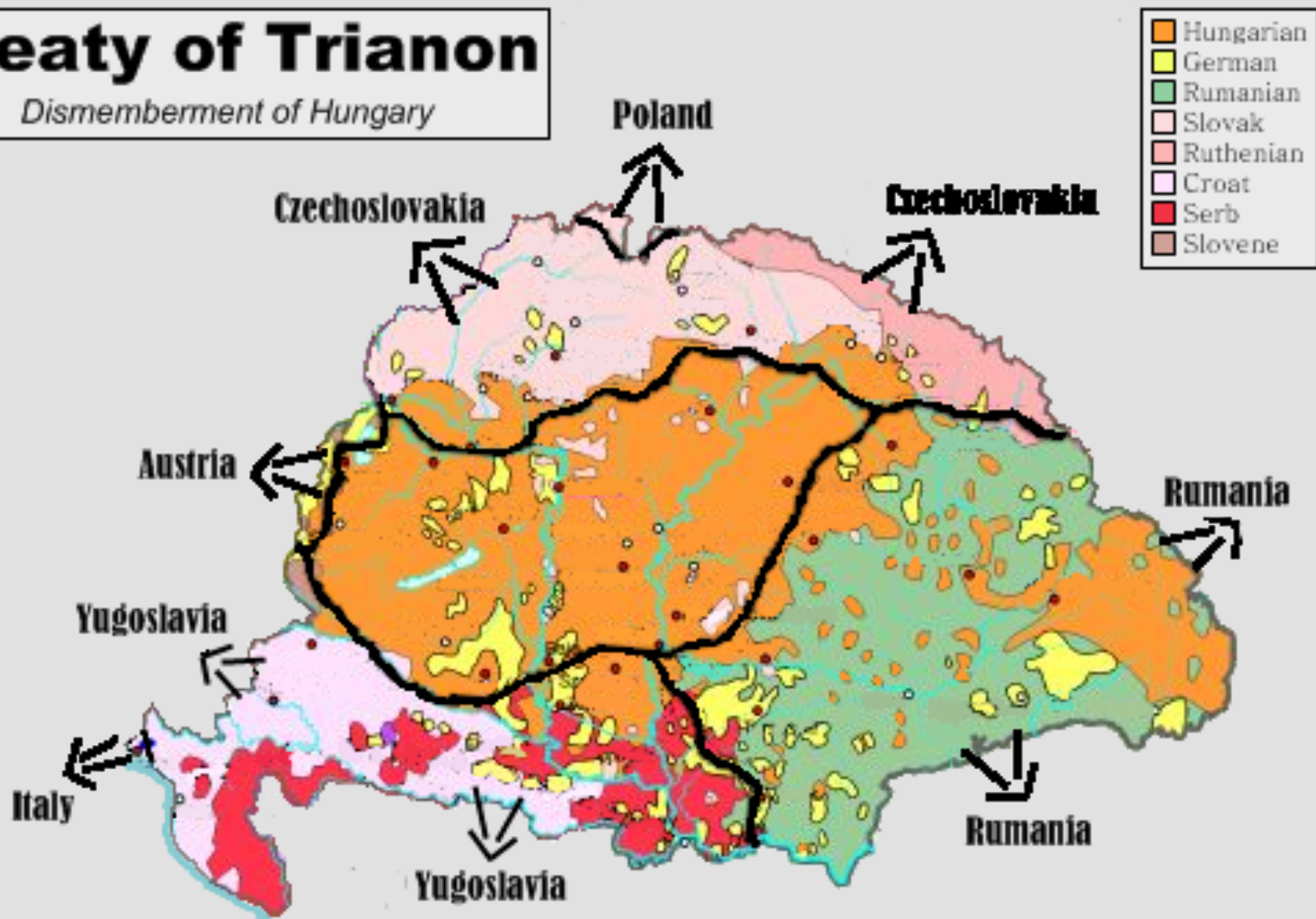
TREATY OF TRIANON

consequences



Treaty of Trianon

Dismemberment of Hungary



An explanation of the Treaty of Trianon from a Hungarian perspective

TRIANON

1920 JUNIUS 4





The Weimar Republic 1919-1933

Germany briefly experimented with liberal democracy.

ECONOMIC PROBLEMS



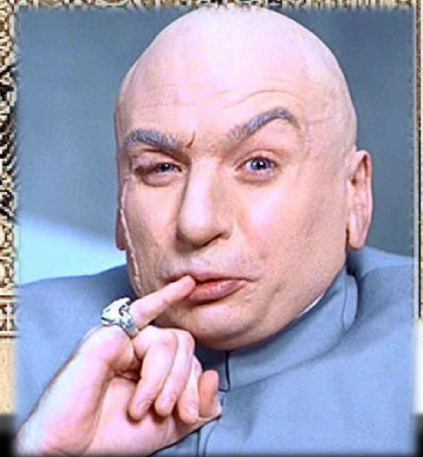
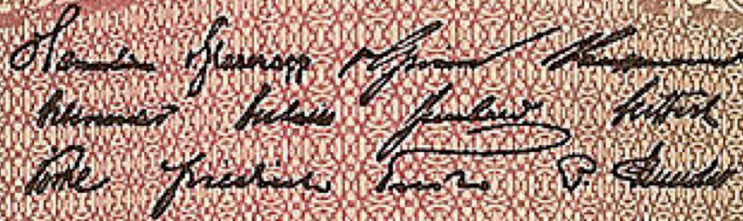
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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

HYPERINFLATION

Berlin, den 1. September 1923

UB-37



A black and white photograph of a drafting table. On the table, there is a German banknote, a pair of glasses, a compass, and a hand holding a pencil writing on a piece of paper. The banknote is a 1,000,000 Mark note, with the text 'EINE MILLION MARKEN' visible. The background shows various drafting tools and equipment.

A Million German Marks =
NOTE PAPER

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STRIKE three



**Democracy is
OUT!**

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Totalitarian Regimes

“Left Wing”

Soviet Union

**Communism/
Bolshevism/
Leninism**

Lenin/Stalin

“Right Wing”

Germany

Italy

**National
Socialism
(Nazism)**

Fascism

Hitler

Mussolini

Fascism

(Italy)

RADICAL
AUTHORITARIAN
NATIONALISM



Benito Mussolini
Il Duce



Statue of Romulus and Remus in Rome, GA

Nazi Party (Germany) 1933



National Socialist
German Workers Party



Adolf Hitler
der Führer



Fascism and Bolshevism

Common Traits

	Fascism	Bolshevism
1. Opposition to Liberal Democracy	YES	YES
2. Unity through Hatred (common enemy)	YES	YES
3. Government by a Party Elite	YES	YES
4. The Cult of the Leader	YES	YES
5. Totalitarianism	YES?	YES?

The Problem of the Left/Right Dichotomy

Democrats (US)
Labour (UK)

Conservatives (UK)
Republicans (US)

“MODERATE GOVERNMENTS”

Communists

Fascists
Nazis

“FAR LEFT”

“FAR RIGHT”



Contrasting Totalitarian Regimes

LEFT WING

**OPPOSITION
to Social Hierarchy**



RIGHT WING

**SUPPORT
for Social Hierarchy**



Contrasting Totalitarian Regimes

Bolshevism

Internationalist

Goal:

Worldwide Communist Revolution

CLASS HATRED

rather than racial hatred.

**(Soviet states were
ethnically diverse)**

Fascism

Nationalist

**Mussolini – Fascism
“not for export”**

Master Race Ideologies

**The enemy = outsiders
& ethnic minorities**



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